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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of)	
Metz, et al.)	Examiner: Bui
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Serial No. 08/657,749)	Art Unit: 1813
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Filed: May 30, 1996)	
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For: NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES)	
ENCODING A PLANT CYTOPLASMIC)	PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO
PROTEIN INVOLVED IN A FATTY)	CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION
<u>ACYL-COA METABOLISM</u>)	<u>UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(D)</u>

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action issued November 1, 1997,
Applicants provide the following preliminary amendment as part of the
continued patent application made in this case.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel ~~Claims~~ 18-28.

Please enter the following claim: